

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Harold E. Mattice et al.

Application No.: 10/621,873

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Title: SECURED VERIFICATION OF
CONFIGURATION DATA FOR FIELD
PROGRAMMABLE GATE ARRAY DEVICES

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

The reasons for allowance indicate that the claimed method is of “authenticating gaming machine data” and that the method comprises “permitting regular gaming operations”.

Applicants respectfully submit that none of the claim preambles recite “authenticating gaming machine data”. For example, the preamble of claims 1 and 19 recite “authenticating configuration data”. As another example, the preamble of claim 20 recites “authenticating data”. Hence, none of the claim preambles recite “authenticating gaming machine data”.

Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that none of the claims recite “permitting regular gaming operations”. For example, claim 1 recites “permitting a substantial amount of regular gaming machine operations”. As another example, claim 19 recites “permitting a substantial amount of regular microprocessor based machine operations”. Hence, none of the claims recite “permitting regular gaming operations”.


CONCLUSION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, including any extension fees, which may be required or credit any overpayment directly to the account of the undersigned, No. 504480 (Order No. IGT1P096/P000824-001).

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